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I am concerned about the EFU Land Use Designation description, particularly how the rules will be written to implement section 3.10: "Allow non-agricultural uses, such as residences, on Exclusive Farm Use Lands as permitted by Oregon Statutes and Administrative Rules, with additional development standards and lot aggregation requirements to ensure protection of agricultural lands and natural and environmental resources. Limit new non-agricultural uses, and expansion of existing non-agricultural uses. This will result in a farm protection program for the County that is more restrictive than what state statutes and rules require."

The County has already forced aggregation of separate but adjoining tax lots in single ownership even though in every instance these legal lots were created well before 1972 when Senate Bill 100, the original land use law was first adopted. Some date back to mid-century. Private property owners were ill informed at the time of consolidation though the County met its minimum legal obligation to post public notices. Without understanding the taking provision in federal and state law, these landowners found themselves stripped of property rights via legislation.

The current plan proposal once again holds the potential to strip private property owners of their property rights depending upon how the "Administrative Rules" are written. For instance, how many existing EFU properties--legal lots of record--exist that are larger than 80 acres? When the original EFU was implemented, the minimum lot size was 20 acres. Yet with 40 acres now the minimum lot size, only a property larger than 80 acres can be divided. The majority of properties in the East Sandy River plan are well under this minimum. This rule limited the value of most parcels since up to 79.99 acres it could no longer be divided and no additional dwelling unit could be built.

Layer in the gross income requirement of \$80,000 for the previous two years or three of the past five, and very few of the existing legal lots under 80 acres could qualify for a dwelling unit irrespective of lot size. This is an arbitrary figure and has nothing to do with the interests of the public. What authority does the County have to mandated revenue production? If such authority is valid, should the County also not mandate the farmer make a profit? And that his/her customers be required to pay whatever price is necessary for the farmer to meet both revenue and profit requirements?

Neither the County nor the State have this power but both are putting in place new standards that will continue to undermine private property rights in Oregon as evidenced by this ambiguous comment: "This will result in a farm protection program for the County that is more restrictive than what state statutes and rules require." What will be more restrictive than state statutes? Higher income standards? Larger parcels? What about marginal lands--same restrictive covenants as EFU?

If it is in the public's interest to control farm land that is currently in private ownership, then the public must allocate the funds to buy it, not steal it through restrictive regulations. The public can then own, manage, plant, water, tend, harvest and sell its produce...and in every other way fully participate in the joys of farming just like

private farmers do. But then will the public also require itself to generate minimum \$80,000 in gross revenue from every parcel of land so owned, just as it does the private landowner, irrespective of whether the land is 5 acres or 500?

Private property should never be 'stolen at the point of a pen' through regulation. Any 'greater good' regulation that significantly restricts a private property owner's use of his/her land but maintains all the obligations of management, stewardship and care is simply a cloaked taking. There is established law on takings: the public must pay the true market rate for taking for the public good. No land use regulation that vitiates that law should be tolerated.

Terry Cook

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I'd like it to be made part of the record that I am in support of that.

The motion being put resulted in Yeas, Commissioners Bowes, Cooper, Lee, and Peterson, 4; whereupon the motion was declared carried and the report and recommendation of the Commissioner of Finance adopted and the area designated therein ordered set aside for park purposes and purchased by the Committee on Park Acquisition.

3668 Report of Commissioner of Finance concerning report of City Planning Commission urging dedication of all city and county and delinquent tax owned property located on the hillsides north of Macleay Park between St. Helens Road and skyline Boulevard to the City of Portland for park purposes, together with other material supporting said dedication as park area; recommending that proposal of Planning Commission be approved and that purchase of said property should not be made from Recreational Areas Fund. (Set out in Council Calendar No. 3643).

Remonstrators were called for but no one responded.
Those wishing to speak in favor of the proposed park were called for.

MR. DALE VOSS: Rt. 2, Box 458;
Gentlemen of the Council and Mrs. Lee, I don't have any objection to the park, but I'd like to know what the boundaries are. They have picked definite boundaries but this doesn't state anything definite.

COMMISSIONER PETERSON:
I don't know how there could be more definite boundaries. The map is there in the report.

COMMISSIONER LEE:
Isn't it depicted on this? (Indicating large map in Council Chamber)

COMMISSIONER COOPER:
All we are concerned with is all of the city and county and delinquent-tax owned property located on the hillsides north of Macleay Park between St. Helens Road and Skyline Boulevard.

COMMISSIONER BOWES:
You might explain the different colors on the map.

COMMISSIONER COOPER:
The red is city-owned property, the green is county-owned property, the purple is part city and part county, and the white is privately owned property; and we are concerned with the city and county and tax delinquent property.

MR. VOSS:
Does the city intend to take over the privately owned property eventually? The reason I'm asking is that I'm building a house in there, and I don't want to go into a lot of money and then have the city take it over.

COMMISSIONER LEE:
Where is your property?

MR. VOSS:
I'm on NW 53rd Drive. (Mr. Voss then pointed out on the map where his property was situated)

COMMISSIONER COOPER:
I might relieve your mind a little on that. We do not plan to acquire that private property and run anyone out. It may be a hundred years before it is complete. There seems to be some confusion about the exact report of the Planning Commission. I'm going to have the clerk read the report of the Planning Commission.

The Council Clerk then read the following report of the City Planning Commission:
At a meeting held May 8, 1947, a report of the Parks Committee of the Portland City Planning Commission, on a Municipal Forest-Park, was adopted by the Commission. The park is to be located on the hillsides north of Macleay Park between St. Helens Road and Skyline Boulevard.

This report, a copy of which is enclosed herewith, recommends that the plan for a park within the boundary shown on the map transmitted with the report, be adopted by the City Council and the County Commissioners, and that it become the policy of the County and City to acquire all land within that boundary whenever it becomes economically possible. To this end, the Commission urges that private use of land within that boundary be discouraged by refusal to furnish water or sewage service.

In furtherance of this plan, the Portland City Planning Commission respectfully urges that immediate steps be taken to dedicate all city and county owned and delinquent tax owned property within the above mentioned boundary to the City of Portland for park purposes, and that the Park Bureau be authorized and instructed to use this land as public recreation area and to encourage the use, improvement and protection of the forest character of the area by recreational organizations.

COMMISSIONER PETERSON:

Before we hear from anyone else--there is one statement in that recommendation that I don't want to have my recommendation include. That is the part that refuses water and sewage service. If we are going to develop that area for park purposes we will have to have water and sewage service. That is a matter, anyhow, that does not come before the Committee. If the majority of the people petition for it, it can be had under the Charter if they live in the city. Anybody can demand water service. That statement is something that shouldn't be in the communication.

COMMISSIONER LEE:

Also, we shouldn't put ourselves in the position of not acquiring the property but yet putting such restrictions on it that it is of no value to the owner. We should be careful of that.

COMMISSIONER PETERSON:

I'm not for that.

MR. ALLAN A. SMITH:

About three years ago, the City Club appointed a special committee for the purpose of making a study of the advisability of acquiring the land involved in this project which has been taken over by one of the other--city or county--for tax delinquencies. About two years ago the club made its report. I was a member of that committee. The committee spent a great deal of time going over that area. It investigated every possible use of that area--its availability for farming and agricultural purposes, as location for homesites, subdivisions and other uses to which it might be put. The Committee came to the conclusion that on the whole, the property was best available for a forest park.

The soil generally is not very deep; rock appears pretty close to the surface. It seems best suited for the growth of trees and grass, and, therefore, best suited for park purposes.

The recommendation was covered by a written report to the City Club and unanimously adopted by that organization.

During the time the committee was making a study of it, there was some investigation by the oil companies to see if there was oil underneath the surface; and that slowed up the program. When that was abandoned, the City Club followed up with a city-wide committee, and that is made up by representatives of every civic organization in the

Council take at this time the necessary steps to dedicate all of the property now owned by the city to park purposes, and that the city take steps to acquire from the county for park purposes that portion of the property that the county now owns as a result of tax foreclosures. That procedure is now possible by some amendment that was recently passed at the legislature and which was sponsored by this committee, making it possible for the county to make that transfer. The County Commissioner is willing to transfer the property to the city for park purposes.

COMMISSIONER COOPER:

Without cost?

MR. SMITH:

Without cost, just as soon as the city takes official action, showing its intention to use the lands for park purposes. It is our belief, Mr. President and Members of the Council, that there should be a long range program for the acquisition of private land largely within the area. I'm sure there is no disposition on the part of the committee to interfere with any use of the property. Nobody wants to take a home away from a home owner or unreasonably interfere with any use of the property, but it is our belief that a long time program of acquisition of this property is in the interest of the public. Now, we are, Mr. President, very much in earnest about this thing. I think the whole committee is very enthusiastic about it. I have recited in some detail some of the factors that were looked into and investigated, which brought the committee to the conclusion that the best possible use that could be made of this property was for a park.

There is one other matter, perhaps not too important, but a factor. I think a project of this sort is a morale builder. When I think of San Francisco, I think of the Golden Gate. When I think of New York City, I think, inevitably, of Central Park. I have never been to Paris, but I associate the woods in the vicinity of Paris--because I don't speak French very well, I won't try to pronounce their names. Yet, Mr. President and Members of the Council, there is nothing in any of those cities that will compare with the beauty of this particular tract. The gullies and trails we will have going through those woods will be something that can't be duplicated anywhere in the world. With a project of that sort, I'm sure that when someone comes along in the future and refers to Portland as the "spinster city", we will throw back our shoulders and point to the park as something that no other city in the world has and be satisfied even if someone is disposed to call us "a spinster." I think it is something that people in the City of Portland will take pride in. It will be a show place. It will make every Portlander a little more proud of his home city and more disposed to look upon his city as the most beautiful and wonderful in the world. We think that is a factor.

Mr. President and Members of the Council, this matter has had a lot of serious study at the hands of our committee and your Park Superintendent. I have discussed it with Mr. Cooper and Mr. Peterson a number of times. I think it is a project that everybody knows pretty well, and we urge prompt action to start this program along. It isn't going to cost very much money. The city can spend as little as it pleases. Its financial burden will be extremely light, so we have no hesitation of urging the matter upon the city from that standpoint. Thank you.

MR. VOSS:

This issue talks about a beautiful woods, but the issue also says to keep water out to discourage building--

COMMISSIONER COOPER:

I think the Council are unanimous in excluding that part of the report.

MR. VOSS:

The park wouldn't be much good--

COMMISSIONER COOPER:

That's a matter for the Council to decide.

COMMISSIONER PETERSON:

That's already out.

MRS. LOUISE PALMER WEBER:

I feel chagrined that no woman has spoken. We should know that we should be heard on these questions.

Before I proceed along this line--years ago when I was on the radio when Art Kirkham was younger by twenty years or fifteen years, we used to argue, I was always in the affirmative and he in the negative. At last we are arguing for the same side.

We realize in order to bring tourists here we must let people know of the beauty of the State of Oregon. There is no place in the State of Oregon that has such natural beauty as this place does. It is by far the most beautiful exposition of nature that I have seen anywhere in the world.

I was interested in what Mr. Smith said about the "spinster city." That always does not please me. If the city doesn't acquire this park, it will be known as the "lazy, old man" instead of the "spinster." It seems to me there was never a more complete opportunity to benefit, not only Portland and the United States, but the whole world. When you think of Paris, you think of the Luxembourg Gardens. When you think of New York and Philadelphia you think of many places of beauty, but I only know of one in our city that has had publicity and that hasn't had very much. We should have this park.

There is more than one way to get it. You don't have to get it from the city if you make it interesting enough. We have some very wealthy people and we might ask them to donate to this park. They could have it as a memorial perhaps to a son that has gone in battle.

This park would certainly add to our city, and I know this is one time when Art Kirkham isn't going to oppose me.

MR. ART KIRKHAM:

Since I'm the recipient of the barbs of Mrs. Weber, I should like to enter upon the official records today that I represent the Portland Chamber of Commerce and the Portland Kiwanis Club in giving unanimous approval to this proposal.

Mr. Smith has stolen some of my thunder, and so has Mrs. Weber. There is no area like this in the world. I should like to see anyone build a home on that hillside without putting out hundreds of dollars to keep it on his land. It slides and is good for nothing but forest and playground, and as the Moses report said, "It has a value to the City of Portland comparable to that the Palisades of the Hudson give to the City of New York."

If that were in Los Angeles, it would have been designated as a park many years ago and every April or so they would create some sort of a landslide and spend thousands of dollars publicizing the moving mountain within that city-owned property. So, all I can say, speaking for the Chamber of Commerce and the Portland Kiwanis Club, that we urge, as Mr. Smith outlined, that this area now on city and county delinquent tax ownership be designated for park purposes.

MR. L. M. LEPPER:

Mr. President and Members of the Council, I represent the East Side Commercial Club as a member of this committee of fifty; and I think you have on record our approval of this plan for this forest park. When Linnton was taken over by the City of Portland, they were then building and grading what is known now as the Lief Erickson Drive. Those who have not been over the Lief Erickson Drive, with its views and vistas, have missed something. I know it has grown up through the years with brush and so on, but that will be cleared up; and when it is cleared up, it will be one of the biggest assets to the City of Portland as a drive. Being that the acquisition costs so little, we feel that this should be started now and we should keep going step by step through the years until we have the fruition of this forest park as proposed in the report. I thank you.

VIOLA ORTHCHILD:

I represent the Portland Women's Club and the Little Gardens Club. I am also a member of the committee of fifty and I want to present the signed names of those in our club who approve of this proposed park. As you know, our clubs have adjourned for the summer and it is not possible to get all the names, but we endorsed the project unanimously in May or April in both clubs. We are very much for it and we hope, of course, that it will pass.

I have this list, which includes the officers of both clubs. They are signed in their own handwriting and I think there are about 57 names just representing our clubs and I know that every member is heartily in favor of it. The Portland Women's Club has a record of over fifty years and it has helped save a park in the past and it has done many things for the betterment of Portland; and I hope in the next fifty years we can say that we helped in securing this forest park.

MR. ED L. SHANNON: 4-H CLUB AGENT:

I just want to go on record for the City of Portland 4-H Club members and leaders and our various projects, that we heartily approve this project.

In our 4-H Clubs we have forestry and fruit projects and this would be an ideal place for these projects to go. We are supplied trees by the Federal Forestry Service and then our boys and girls would have a place to plant these trees from year to year. It would be a place where they could go from year to year and take care of them and go on camping trips. I want you to know that the 4-H groups heartily approve of that as a project.

MR. MERRILL BROWN, STATE SECRETARY OF THE ISAAC WALTON LEAGUE:

I'm glad to have this opportunity to present our side of this city forest park to the Members of the City Council. I need not go back into history to inform you

of the works of this wonderful Isaac Walton League, which is the lovers of woods, waters, and wild life. Last year when I was president of the Portland Chapter, I became very interested in the city forest park; and it received our approval at that time. Two weeks ago, we had our quarterly meeting at Bend and the State Division went on record also approving this project.

Now, I want to leave this thought with you. I came to your city and state from a state in the midwest that was void of trees. I don't know whether I am overselling Portland and the State of Oregon but that is the reputation I am getting back there.

There is one thought that has not been left in regard to establishing this as a city forest, and that is that our juvenile delinquency is getting completely out of bonds. We all realize that the great out of doors is one big builder in our cities, and I believe that if this forest is established, it will tend and go a long way in eliminating some of Judge Long's problems. And if nothing else or no other thought I leave with you in behalf of the Isaac Walton League, it is the fact that we are defenders of our young boys and girls. I thank you.

MR. E. C. STEVENS:

I would like to bring up a subject that I haven't heard mentioned. I have lived in that area for twenty years, and I wonder what type of policing you people are planing on doing. There has been quite a bit of game up there and every fall and spring it is being taken out of there. Also, there is a lot of immoral action taking place in those parts. There is no police action at all. I'd like to see it be a park, but I'd like to see it cleaned up. That's my objection to a park. Thank you.

MR. T. T. MUNGER:

I am also representing here the forest park committee of fifty; and I'd like to endorse all that Mr. Smith said and also add a little bit. The wording of the resolution may possibly confuse some people. The boundaries are not St. Helens road and Skyline Boulevard. The area proposed is between those two roads, but the line is jutting in and out and is irregular in the exterior boundaries. The first step in building this park is setting up the city lands into park status. Some of the red area is already park status. The green on the map is county land, and I hope that the Council can go on definite record requesting that the county transfer that land over to the city for city park status.

COMMISSIONER COOPER:

I think the regular procedure in acquiring that would be a resolution by the city signifying their willingness to accept the county land and then to accept them by ordinance when it is proposed.

COMMISSIONER PETERSON:

My report has that recommendation that we ask the county to dedicate that property, under the authority granted them by Salem Bill No. 220, to the city of Portland. So if this report is adopted we will automatically do that. I believe Mr. Smith made the statement that county was willing to do that.

COMMISSIONER COOPER:

Then we would acquire it by ordinance?

COMMISSIONER PETERSON:

We would accept it by ordinance.

MRS. WM. H. HAMPHILL: YACHTING CLUB:

Our club has studied this project for two years and we are a member of the committee of fifty, and we wish to endorse this project.

MRS. DANIEL HEFFNER, OREGON ROADSIDE COUNCIL:

The Oregon Roadside Council, as you know, is greatly interested in conservation of outdoor life, not only in our city, but our state also. Portland has few parks of outstanding note, and here is an opportunity for us to have a very beautiful and fine park on the west side hills; and I think we would be remiss as citizens if we didn't make an effort to acquire this property so that we may have something of outstanding interest in our city. So, the Oregon Roadside Council does urge the Council of the City of Portland to consider most carefully and judiciously this project; and we hope you will find your way clear to purchase it.

MR. G. E. CANNON: PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERATION OF WESTERN OUTDOOR CLUBS:

Mr. President and Commissioners, in our trips through the forest we find many young people who come with us who do not know the ways of the forest. It is necessary to teach them these ways in the forest far from home. Here is an opportunity right close to home to teach these young people the ways of the forest. They can reach this area by a streetcar ticket from either the west or east side. It will give the youngsters and youths of our community an opportunity to go there and learn and see the woods grow. That is something that we should offer to the children of this community. This is a forest. It is different from a recreational park, it's a forest park. With that as a park, it offers an inestimable value to the youth of our community.

MRS. LEITH ABBOTT:

I am also a member of the committee of fifty and also the Conservation Chairman of the Portland Garden Club. We are definitely in favor of this park area. I also want to ask--as a forest, the water situation there would be better and the fire protection would be better as a park status, wouldn't it? It would be better than it is now? It was my understanding that there would be better fire protection.

COMMISSIONER COOPER:

I was going to speak on that later.

MR. WILSON H. SCOTT:

I am here as a representative of the President's Council, whose members in their regular meeting unanimously went on record as favoring this proposition. At the same time the members were urged to do all in their power to see that this property was dedicated to the public for park purposes.

July 9, 1947

COMMISSIONER COOPER:

I think any further speaking would probably be along the same lines of those who have already spoken. If there is anyone who has something to add to what has already been said, please make it as short as possible. The Council has a very long calendar ahead and time is getting short.

MR. FRED CLEATOR: TRAILS CLUB:

I come as a representative of the Trails Club, and I merely want to state our approval of the project.

As a witness for the lady who just spoke--I'm not sure but perhaps I said something--I have been a forester for a long time, and perhaps I have said something to her which made her think that the park might have a better fire protection if it were under park status rather than indiscriminative ownership.

MR. H. H. PORTER, MEN'S GARDEN CLUB:

I represent the Men's Garden Club. The chairman unfortunately has been called out of town. I think he is in Europe. The Men's Garden Club are on record with a resolution urging the adoption of the program as outlined here, and we would appreciate the favorable consideration of the Council.

WALTER GELINSKY:

One thing that has been overlooked here is the panorama of the Willamette. I don't think Paris, New York or Philadelphia have anything like it. Our club wants to go on record as very much in favor of this forest park as the committee of fifty and the City Planning Commission have proposed.

COMMISSIONER COOPER:

I want to comment here and urge upon the Council, that if this report is adopted and we do proceed to acquire that land for a park, that this Council take immediate steps to build fire-break trails and access trails, without a great deal of expense. I believe it can be accomplished. At present, that area is one of the most imminent fire hazards around the city. It has burned several times with disastrous results. It has reforested itself to a large extent. I don't believe it would be a very great expense to open up trails through there; and after careful study, it would cease to be a fire hazard. We could open up trails to let fire fighting equipment in there, and I think it would be in order to do that as soon as funds are available.

Now, I'm going to turn this matter over to the Council for discussion, if they want to discuss it any further.

COMMISSIONER PETERSON:

If the report is not read, I'd like to explain the recommendation and what it embodies. It embodies the designation of the area as outlined by the Planning Commission's report as a forest park and for forest park area. It withholds from sale all the property now held by the City of Portland, and it asks Multnomah County to designate all of the property held in its inventory within that area as park area and to convey that to the City of Portland as park area under the authority granted by the last legislature; and it further states that what money is used should not be taken out of the four-tenths mill money, which is for the specific purpose of playgrounds and recreational park development and to be used to purchase and set up and campaign for levy. It would make available this property and set the lines of the boundaries. That is the "meat" of the recommendation.

COMMISSIONER LEE:

How long is your report? I think it should be read, if that's what we are voting on.

The Council Clerk then read the report of the Commissioner of Finance. (Set out in Calendar No. 3643)

COMMISSIONER PETERSON:

All that would be developed would be fire trails.

Commissioner Peterson made a motion which was seconded by Commissioner Bowes that the report of the Commissioner of Finance be adopted with the exception of that statement contained in the Planning Commission's report which advocated refusal to furnish water or sewage service.

The motion being put resulted in Yeas, Commissioners Bowes, Cooper, Lee, and Peterson, 4; whereupon the motion was declared carried, the report of the Commissioner of Finance adopted, and also the recommendations of the Planning Commission with the exception of that statement advocating refusal to furnish water or sewage service to that area.

REPORTS WITH ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS, IF ANY, FROM THE COMMISSIONERS

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

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The Commissioner of Finance reported as follows:
Your Commissioner of Finance transmits herewith a letter from the City

REPORT OF THE PARKS COMMITTEE OF THE
PORTLAND CITY PLANNING COMMISSION ON A FOREST PARK TO BE
DEDICATED ON THE HILLSIDES WEST OF ST. HELENS ROAD AND
NORTH OF MACLEAY PARK

May 7, 1947

A good description of this park is contained in the report of a Committee of the City Club of Portland to the Board of Governors on a proposed municipal forest park. This report was submitted to the City Club for consideration and action August 20, 1945, and published in City Club Bulletin, August 31, 1945.

There was a map which showed that the area available for the park was bounded by St. Helens Road, Cornell Road, Thompson Road, Skyline Boulevard and Newberry Road. Since that report was presented to the Club, there has been considerable interest in the project headed up by a committee of which Mr. Thornton Munger is the Chairman. This Committee has representatives of about 45 Civic Organizations.

A map has been prepared showing the city and county owned properties in the above-described area and a preliminary determination of a more workable boundary for the park. This revised boundary leaves in private ownership several parcels on the west side of St. Helens Road and some agricultural land on the east side of Skyline Boulevard. There are several points where the proposed park boundary is the highway right-of-way but at all places where property along the west side of St. Helens Road is usable for either residential or industrial purposes, the boundary has been moved westward. This leaves a series of St. Helens Road frontages as entrances to the park.

In the report of the City Club, it was shown that the proposed park would embrace an area of 6114 acres of which 462 acres was City of Portland parks. The city through delinquent taxes owns 1397 acres, Multnomah County similarly owns 1064 acres, the Audubon Society 22 acres, U. S. Government Bonneville Power right-of-way 25 acres, School District #1, Linnton School grounds two acres and private property is about 3141 acres. The new boundary would eliminate some of this privately-owned property, and leaves the Park area about 5635 acres.

Leif Erikson Drive traverses the area proposed to be made into a Forest Park about midway between St. Helens Road and Skyline Blvd. A great deal of labor has been spent on this drive in the past and it is passable for hardy drivers with a jeep for a distance of about 8 miles in which distance there is no habitation and no cross-traffic. While one of the oft-repeated statements in favor of this park is its possibility as a recreation asset with very small expenditure for upkeep or improvement, Lief Erikson Drive does present an opportunity for a future project like W.P.A. to make an outstanding scenic drive. In the meanwhile it could be used as an equestrian path, bicycle path, or hiker's path with great benefit to the community. There are at present many deer

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2658 The Advisory Committee on the Acquisition of Park Property reported as follows:

The Advisory Committee on the Acquisition of Park Property recommends the purchase of Lot 7, Block 3, Tabordale, for \$6500.00 cash, property to be free from encumbrance as shown by abstract or title insurance to be furnished by the owner. Owner is to be allowed to occupy the premises for six months from date of deed with payment of rent therefor and to remove all buildings therefrom within that period. Owner of record is Darrell L. Wright, 636 Mead Building. By unanimous consent this report was continued to May 28, 1947, at 9:30 A.

2659 The Advisory Committee on the Acquisition of Park Property reported as follows:

The Advisory Committee on the Acquisition of Park Property recommends the purchase of Lots 6, Block 3, Tabordale, for \$4400.00 cash, property to be free from encumbrance as shown by abstract or title insurance to be furnished by the owner. Owner is to be allowed to occupy the premises for six months from date of deed without payment of rent therefor and to remove all buildings therefrom within that period. Owners of record are Joseph H. and Helen R. Johnson, 224 SE 57th Avenue. By unanimous consent this report was continued to May 28, 1947, at 9:30 A.

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By unanimous consent this report was referred to the Commissioner of Finance for a report and to set the time for a hearing.

The roll being called on the taking up for consideration of Calendar Nos 3643 to 3660, both numbers inclusive, resulted in Yeas, Commissioners Bowes, Cooper, Lee, Peterson, and Mayor Riley, 5, whereupon these matters were so taken up for consideration.

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The Commissioner of Finance reported as follows:

Your Commissioner of Finance returns herewith C.C.No. 2660 being a report of City Planning Commission urging dedication of all city and county and delinquent tax owned property located on the hillsides north of Macleay Park between St Helens Road and Skyline Boulevard to the City of Portland for park purposes and that the Bureau of Parks be authorized and instructed to use this land as public recreation area, together with a map showing the complete areas as recommended by the Planning Commission and a copy of the report of the City Club together with several letters supporting the dedication of such area as a park area; also a report from Mr. C. P. Keyser, Superintendent of Parks, endorsing the recommendation of the Planning Commission and setting out his reasons for such endorsement.

It is the recommendation of your Commissioner of Finance that the Council approve the proposal of the Planning Commission and order the Assessment Collection Division to withhold from sale such property as is held as inventory lying within the area of the proposed park; also that the County Commissioners of Multnomah County be requested to designate properties now held by the County in the inventory of Multnomah County as a park and to convey title of said properties to the City of Portland for park purposes as per authority granted them by the passage of Senate Bill No. 220 by the 1947 Oregon Legislature.

If the Council concurs in the recommendation of the Commissioner of Finance, it will be necessary for the Council either by ordinance or otherwise to order purchased for the Park Bureau properties in question now held by the Assessment Collection Division. However, that is a matter of detail which will have to be determined by the Council.

Your Commissioner of Finance recommends that the purchase should not be made from the Recreational Areas Funds which have been accumulated through the medium of the special 4/10th mills tax as voted by the people in 1938. If this park is acquired, a minimum of maintenance will be required inasmuch as it would be the recommendation of both the Superintendent of Parks and your Commissioner of Finance that a minimum of maintenance be exercised in order that the area may remain in its natural state for its future use as a forest park.

It is further recommended that the time be set for a hearing on this recommendation as 9:30 A.M. July 9, 1947.

Commissioner Peterson made a motion which was seconded by Commissioner Bowes and carried unanimously that the part of the recommendation of the Commissioner setting the time for hearing as July 9, 1947, be adopted.

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The Commissioner of Finance reported as follows:

Your Commissioner of Finance transmits herewith petition of Mizpah Court No. 12, O. of A., by Minnie Achison, Secretary, 5116 NE 22nd Ave., for permission to hold a sale of fancy work in the Farmer's Market on July 11, 1947, together with report of the Chief License Inspector.

Inasmuch as the proceeds from this sale do not accrue to the benefit of any individual but go into the Organization Fund to be used for charitable purposes, your Commissioner recommends that the petition be granted.